The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Yes, Sir, some concession is shown in the case of Harijans and backward classes and in the matter of promotion also we take into consideration all these factors."

Retrenchment of fieldmen in Agriculture Department.

* 339 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to effect retrenchment in the number of fieldmen in the Madras State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"The Government are considering the question of re-organizing the set up of the Field staff in the Agricultural department."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—"Will the Government give a guarantee that the existing fieldmen would not be sent home?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, there are permanent fieldmen and there may be temporary hands also. So the Government cannot give any guarantee regarding their future. We are examining the whole question so as to have more field workers in order to give effective aid to the ryots."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—"Sir, what are the educational and technical qualifications necessary for a fieldman and in view of the retrenchment that is pending before the Government, are we to understand that the existing fieldmen do not possess the requisite qualification?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"Sir, I have already answered in reply to another question that S.S.L.C. candidates are recruited as fieldmen and they are given a course of training and then they are appointed as fieldmen. But we are now considering the whole proposal in order to have more maistries who would do the work without adding to the financial commitments."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM:—"இந்த 'Fieldman' உத்தியோகத்தில் இருப்பவர்கள், வேறு உத்தியோகத்திற்கு தகுதியுள்ளவார்களாக இருந்தால், க்ளார்க்குகளாகவும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"I can consider the suggestion, Sir."

Number of South Indians sent back from Malaya and Ceylon.

* 340 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have any details as to how many people of this State were sent back from Ceylon and Singapore from January to July 1953; and

(*b*) of those, how many were Tamils, Malayalees and Canarese?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information in respect of persons sent back from Malaya and Ceylon is laid on the table of the House. No separate figures in respect of persons sent from Singapore alone are available at present."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" ഇങ്ങിനെ ജോലിയില്ലാതെ അന്യനാട്ടുകളിൽ പോയിമടങ്ങിവരുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു വല്ല സഹായവും ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ചെയ്യിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? അതിന്നുവേണ്ടി വല്ല അപേക്ഷകളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we have to look after the unemployed persons who have been remaining in India and in our own State. The unemployment of those persons (who have come from Malaya and Ceylon) is also being tackled by the Government."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether these persons came back of their own accord or because they lost their citizenship in those countries? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, some of them had gone there on contract for service and after the completion of the contract they have come back. But most of these persons are alleged to be illegal immigrants into Ceylon."

Harijan Welfare centres in Malabar.

* 341 *Q*.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) the number of Harijan Welfare centres in Malabar district; and the number of students from each taluk who are getting residential scholarships; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to have any centre in the Kurumbranad taluk in the Badagara firka?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) There are no such institutions as ' Harijan Welfare Centres '. The number of residential scholarships granted during 1952–53 to the students belonging to eligible communities and Backward classes in Palghat, Kozhikode, Wynaad and Ernad taluks of Malabar district were 27, 10, 1 and 2, respectively.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, as the residential scholarship amount is not sufficient to meet the boarding and lodging expenses of students, will the Government take immediate steps to enhance the amount? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am unable to answer this question straightway. It all depends upon the allotment available for the next year."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 266 infra.